

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

Town of Bellingham, * Massachusetts,

FOR THE
Year ending February 1, 1908.



MILFORD, MASS.:

C. M. W. EARLE, PRINTER, 153 MAIN STREET.

1908.

Town Officers for 1907.

TOWN CLERK,
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER,
L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN,
CARROLL E. WHITE, MICHAEL F. RYAN,
HENRY W. PICKERING.

ASSESSORS OF TAXES,
ORVILLE C. RHODES, CARROLL E. WHITE,
GILBERT H. DRAKE,* CHARLES S. CARTER.†

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
FRED A. SHERBORN, Term expires March 1, 1908
HENRY W. PICKERING, Term expires March 1, 1909
OTTO L. BULLARD, Term expires March 1, 1910

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Term expires March 1, 1908
JAMES O. RICHARDSON, Term expires March 1, 1909
JOHN E. BARBER, Term expires March 1, 1910

AUDITOR,
NATHAN W. SANBORN.

* Resigned.

† To fill vacancy.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

*WALTER E. COOK, †WALTER H. THAYER.

TREE WARDEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FENCE VIEWERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, PROCTOR P. COOKE,
ORVILLE C. RHODES.

CONSTABLES,

EDWIN M. BENNETT, HIRAM E. CROOKS,
GILBERT H. DRAKE, WALTER H. THAYER.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| ORVILLE C. RHODES, | Term expires March 1, 1908 |
| S. FRED METCALF, | Term expires March 1, 1909 |
| HENRY A. WHITNEY, | Term expires March 1, 1910 |

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| MRS. OLIVE COOK, | Term expires March 1, 1908 |
| HENRY A. WHITNEY, | Term expires March 1, 1908 |
| WESLEY E. HOWES, | Term expires March 1, 1909 |
| MRS. MAY L. WRIGHT, | Term expires March 1, 1909 |
| MRS. ALICE A. BURR, | Term expires March 1, 1910 |
| MISS BERTHA FRANKLIN, | Term expires March 1, 1910 |

* Did not qualify.

† Appointed to fill vacancy.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN, 1907.

FIELD DRIVERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, JOSEPH PALMER,
NATHANIEL W. PICKERING.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

Town Officers.

FOREST FIRE WARDS,

ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
EDWIN MIGNEAULT, S. FRED METCALF.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
SAMUEL L. METCALF, HENRY A. WHITNEY,
HIRAM E. CROOKS, ELBRIDGE GRANT,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

PUBLIC WEAIGHERS,

JUDSON E. CAMP, CLARENCE A. CROOKS
LYMAN R. CAMP, L. FRANCIS THAYER.

BURIAL AGENT,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

POLICE OFFICERS,

WILLIE LEVESQUE, JOHN J. SCHNEIDER, JR.,
JAMES O. RICHARDSON, FRANK DUQUETTE,
HUGH MEARS, TIMOTHY FOLEY,
J. FRANCIS NAUGHTON.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS,

CARROLL E. WHITE.

SEXTONS,

S. FRED METCALF, HENRY W. PICKERING,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL,
ELIPHALET S. SEARS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

ORVILLE C. RHODES.

Town Clerk's Report.

Jurors Drawn During the Year 1907.

April term, Felix S. Brothers.

Sept. term, Alonzo N. Whitney.

Dec. term, Fred A. Sherborn.

Vital Statistics.

Marriages Registered in Bellingham for 1907.

| DATE. | NAME. | RESIDENCE. | MARRIED BY |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Mar. | Richard J. Hyland, | Milford, | Rev. J. H. Riordan, |
| 14. | Catherine O'Rourke, | Bellingham, | at Medway. |
| April | Clarence H. Lapworth, | Hopedale, | Rev. A. Geo. E. Jenner, |
| 1. | Lillian Spicer, | Bellingham, | at Providence, R. I. |
| April | William J. Lapier, | Bellingham, | Rev. J. Francis Russell, |
| 30. | Margorite A McGorty, | Medway, | at Franklin. |
| June | Lyprine Nolette, | Bellingham, | Rev. Wm. J. Dwyer, |
| 10. | Emeline F. Barrett, | Bellingham, | at Medway. |
| June | John T. Callahan, | Milford, | Rev. Daniel P. Scammell, |
| 19. | Harriet M. Sullivan, | Bellingham, | at Franklin. |
| Aug. | Waldo I. Cook, | Bellingham, | Rev. W. A. Thompson, |
| 27. | Ethel A. Pickering, | Bellingham, | at Woonsocket, R. I. |
| Oct. | Herbert Gruber, | Milford, | Rev. Alexander Mitchell, |
| 23. | Flora E. Richards. | Bellingham, | at Providence, R. I. |

Births Registered in Bellingham 1907.

| DATE. | NAME. | NAME OF PARENTS. |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Jan. | | |
| 17, | Clara Sibly, | C. G. and Florence E. (Pickering). |
| 24, | Wenus Marguerite Joslin, | W. A. and Mary L. C. (St. Martin). |
| Feb. | | |
| 3, | Stillborn, | |
| Mar. | | |
| 23, | Phida Delpee, | William and Arvena (Gendron). |
| 25, | Wilfred Louis Pregent, | Francis and Emma (Habrustreit). |
| April | | |
| 16, | Newart Herakiu, | Pdrtoch and Varsenig (Tatarian). |
| May | | |
| 25, | Loretta Esola Arsenault, | Herbert and Lena (Dundurand). |
| June | | |
| 6, | John Cibillo, | Joseph and Mary (Lemogus). |
| 6, | —— Stockton, | James and Elizabeth (Addison). |
| 25, | Doris Brunell, | Albert and Velia (Dufrense.) |
| July | | |
| 9, | Charles Edwin Sanderson, | Geo. B. and Carrie B. (Taylor). |
| 13, | Emma Florence Gaudette, | Alfred and Mary (Laducier). |
| 28, | Alfred Fitpatrick, | Maurice Jr., and Esther (Shea). |
| Aug. | | |
| 2, | Bertie Robinson, | Peter and Johannah (Defoid), |
| 4, | —— Boyd, | Walter F. and Alice (Sullivan). |
| 24, | Frances May Lapier, | W. J. aud Margaret A. (McGorthy). |
| Oct. | | |
| 19, | Joseph George Rattie, | William and Delia (Marchant). |
| 24, | George Louis Tebo, | Geo. and Louisa M. (Pregent). |
| Nov. | | |
| 9, | —— Gibson, | Walter and Catherine (Monk). |
| 12, | Dortha Edna French, | Alfred W. and Alice A. (Collins). |
| 20, | Proctor Palm Cook, | Walter E. and Marie C. (Palm.) |
| 1901 | | |
| July | | |
| 2, | Lillian Brunell, | Albert and Velia (Dufrense). |
| 1903 | | |
| Feb. | | |
| 6, | Gordon Brunell. | Albert and Velia (Dufrense). |

Deaths Registered in Bellingham in 1907.

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | CAUSE OF DEATH. |
|-------|------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb. | | | |
| 5, | James Ryan, | 80 0 0 | Old Age. |
| 21, | Mary MacKimon, | 70 0 0 | Valvular Disease of Heart. |
| 26, | Mary L. Beckwith, | 76 7 0 | Interstitial Nephritis. |
| 28, | Stella Bis, | 4 8 18 | Meningitis. |
| Mar. | | | |
| 2, | Michael E. Kennelly, | 19 5 5 | Phthisic. |
| 10, | Mary C. Drake, | 100 5 7 | Bronchitis. |
| May | | | |
| 10, | Francis Howe Drake, | 69 7 28 | Bright's Disease. |
| 15, | Irene Poirier, | 27 8 9 | Tuberculosis. |
| June | | | |
| 4, | John O'Neil, | 55 0 0 | Phthisic Pulmonalis. |
| 18, | Beatrice Maie Barrows, | 0 7 0 | Hydrocephelus. <i>B. Nov. 11 1906</i> |
| Sept. | | | |
| 1, | Ernest L. Wilson, | 27 1 5 | Phthisic. |
| 13, | Ann M. Davis, | 57 9 13 | Chronic Nephritis. |
| Oct. | | | |
| 17, | Annie Richard Powers, | 57 0 0 | Cancer of Stomach. |
| 26, | Mary M. Robenson, | 60 6 27 | Chronic Nephritis. |
| Nov. | | | |
| 30, | Jeremiah Mathewson, | 71 2 28 | Heart Degeneration. |
| Dec. | | | |
| 1, | John Crawford, | 52 0 0 | Tuberculosis of Lungs. |
| 1, | Lewis L. Fisher, | 81 0 13 | Cerebral Hemorrhage. |
| 6, | Margaret A. Dewire, | 24 0 0 | Phthisic. |
| 9, | Louis Dube, | 10 11 24 | Rheumatic Fever. |
| 9, | Delia C. O'Keef, | 17 11 14 | Congenital Morbus. |
| 15, | Catherine E. Cross, | 79 2 25 | Cerebral Hemorrhage. |

Memorial Day.

Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Center, Sunday, May 26, 1907, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Women's Relief Corps. The exercises were as follows: Prayer by the Post Chaplain; singing by the Baptist choir; reading by Miss Mabel Webber, and addresses by Rev. E. C. Harrington of Bellingham, and members of Post 60, followed by the decoration of the soldiers' graves. The exercises were closed by singing America.

The exercises were held at North Bellingham, Sunday, May 26, 1907, by the West Medway Post, Sons of Veterans, and the Women's Relief Corps. The exercises opened with prayer by the Post Chaplain, followed by an address by Rev. Mr. Harrington. The singing was in charge of Prof. E. B. Stowe.

The services at Rakeville Cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were carried out by members of the Post.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES OF BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

Town Hall, Bellingham, Friday, May 24, 1907.

Song. The New Hail Columbia. Schools

Prayer. Rev. Munroe Rockwood.

Exercise. The Vanishing Army. Girls from Miss Feltham's Class.

Recitation. Our Heroic Sires. Margaret Desmond.

Song. Memorial Day. Massey Grammar School.

Essay. Story of Patriotic Songs. Alice Spencer.

Recitation. Memorial Day. Annie Kennedy.

Song. Hurrah for the Dear Old Flag. So. Intermediate Sch.

Exercise. Three Soldier Boys. Francis Woodhead, Waldo Kennelley, Alexander McLean.

Recitation. The New Memorial Day. Lewis Rhodes.

Song. Flag Song. Massey Primary School.
 Exercise. Memorial Day. Marion Perkins, Blanche Ferner,
 Rita Beaudry, Stephen Brothers, Leonard Estes.
 Essay. Story of the Grand Army. Nora Kane.
 Address. Rev. T. C. Watkins.
 Song. America. Schools and Audience.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Received from the Town, - - - - | \$50 00 | |
| Balance from last year, - - - - | 0 04 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$50 04 |

EXPENSES.

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------|
| Paid Franklin Post, - - - - | \$10 00 | |
| “ West Medway Post, - - - - | 10 00 | |
| “ Woonsocket Post, - - - - | 5 00 | |
| Transportation of Schools, - - - - | 13 00 | |
| Flowers and filling urns at Monument, - - - - | 5 50 | |
| Printing of school programmes, etc., - - - - | 2 00 | |
| Flags, - - - - | 20 | |
| Labor, - - - - | 2 00 | |
| Expences, - - - - | <u>1 00</u> | |
| | | \$48 70 |
| Balance in Committee's hands, - - - - | | 1 34 |

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
 For the Committee.

Tree Warden's Report.

At the very last of the financial year of 1906 and the first of 1907, our attention was called to the law of 1905, as amended by the acts of 1906, in regard to Gipsy and Brown Tail Moths. Some nests having been found in town, the Selectmen caused notices of the law, and what the duties of the real estate owners are, to be printed, and I sent these notices to all real estate owners where I could find their post-office address. I sent out about 300; also caused the trees and bushes on the roadsides to be looked over for the pests, and of the different kinds found, and sent to me not a Gipsy or a Brown Tail among them.

In the late spring and early summer you probably all noticed there was something the matter with our Elm trees. The leaves were honeycombed and dying. On investigation it was found to be the Elm tree beetle, and I found most of the Elms in town were infested with them, some more than others. An Elm is not as easily killed by losing its foliage as some other species, but if they commence to die are much harder to save than other kinds. A large number of trees in Paris, after three or four repeated strippings, died; also, in England and our country; in the city of Springfield some died after three years' work by the beetle. It is considered that our American Elm can stand more hardships than the English Elm. From all the information I can gather, the best way to destroy these pests is by spraying with arsenate of lead. Other ingredients have been used, but this has proved the best, and one good spraying, if at the right time, is generally sufficient. The best time is when the tree is nearly or fully leaved. In July some of the trees on private land were so bad the owners thought they would lose them, and wanted me to do something to save them. I consulted with Mr. Stopper of Franklin, who was doing the work for Franklin; he showed me his work, and told me what the expense was for a tree. He came and looked these over; not being enough in number, I put him on the trees

in the highway. We have 300 or more Elms in or close to the highway line, and the question is, What will the town do, if anything, to preserve these trees? We have no right to spray trees on private land; but when a tree is so close it would take a surveyor to determine what side it is, and the highway has the benefit of the tree, I think they should be looked after; and I have no doubt if a man has a nice Elm in his yard he would be pleased to have some one do the work at his expense. The expense varies in different locations; also the size of the tree makes a great difference. In the first place is the apparatus, which would be a hand pump for the purpose, with the appurtenances thereto, except the wagon for the tank, which would cost about \$75. Then there should be two or more extension ladders for the outfit. Then, with three men for the work, our town could be quite well protected from the Elm tree beetle.

There are not many who consider it advisable to use a power sprayer unless there are a large number of trees, and then some prefer several hand pumps to one large one. The trees should all be gone over in two or three weeks' time. A few years ago, in Springfield, they had the cost down fine. They sprayed 16,000 trees at an expense of 29 cents a tree, and some of them were treated a second time. In Brookline 212 large trees were treated at a cost of about 49 cents each; in Medford 15 cents a tree. Some estimate the cost by the diameter of the tree; those 8 to 10 inches cost 50 cts. to \$1.00; 12 to 20 inches cost \$1.00 to \$2.00; 24 to 30 in. cost \$3.00 to \$4.00. Others estimate by the height, thus: 10 feet high cost 10 cents; 20 feet high 25 cents; 40 feet high 50 cents; 50 feet high \$1.00; and when from 70 to 80 high cost from \$4.00 to \$10.00. All who have Elms can help quite easily to exterminate these pests. The beetle lays its eggs on the under side of the leaf; they hatch out in a week, and the greatest injury is done by these little larvæ. They soon turn brown and fall from the tree, and collect in masses in sheltered places. There are those who have seen the thousands of little orange-colored pupæ trying to hide. In from 5 to 10 days mature beetles emerge and feed again on the foliage.

Now, if all owners at this time will spray, or wash the trunk

of the tree with boiling water, and pour the boiling water around the roots of the tree, can you imagine the number that will be killed?

In closing, my opinion is that for the town to purchase suitable outfit and get the best men they can for the work, is better than to hire our trees sprayed by out of town parties.

Since writing the above the Gipsy Moth Commission has sent men throughout our town looking for the Gipsy and Brown Tail Moths. They found five Gipsy Moth egg clusters; one on Payne street, one on Pearl street, two on Hartford street, and one on Lake street.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Tree Warden.

Public Library, Bellingham.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library present to the citizens this thirteenth annual report.

We organized April 1, 1907, with W. E. Howes, Chairman: Mrs. Alice A. Burr, Secretary, and Miss Bertha Franklin, Treasurer and Librarian:

Voted: Mrs. Olive Cook and Mrs. Alice A. Burr, purchasing agents.

Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 1, 1907, members of the Southern Worcester Library Club, of which our Librarian, Miss Franklin, is a member, held a library meeting at our library. A large gathering was present and listened to a very interesting program. A dainty lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

Our Librarian is also a member of the Massachusetts Library Club.

The Trustees are very grateful to the school committee for the continued use of the room in the school building. The general remarks from the members of the Library Club were, What a pleasant room and how nicely situated the Bellingham Library was.

Art pictures and books have been loaned by the Woman's Education Association, Boston.

The furniture added have been chairs, clock, frame, shelving.

Public thanks are due Mr. John Albee, books and magazines; Mr. T. H. Dodge, book; Mr. Nason, war books. Magazines: Mrs. C. R. Mathews, Mrs. G. E. O'Connor, Miss Inez Lindskog, Mr. Wylie, Mr. W. E. Howes.

Supt. H. F. Taylor, has transported books to the North Bellingham schools increasing school affiliation.

A larger appropriation is necessary for the maintenance of our library.

To the Trustees:—

The report of the Librarian for the year ending Feb. 1, 1908, is hereby submitted: The Librarian studies administration of libraries that she may administer with a know-how spirit. Our central library and branches report increased circulation of books with school registration eminently satisfactory.

Books added by purchase, 180.

Books added by gift, 12.

Books added by state, 26.

Magazines added by purchase, 2.

Magazines added by gift, 4.

The library has been open every session of each week during the year.

The charging system of no cards is introduced.

The method of fining for each library day that book is overdue is practiced.

Relabeling with printed numbers is begun.

Finance: The money has been spent economically.

The librarian, custodian of reading room, treasurer and agents for the branches ought to have fair compensation for their services. A., B. and C. knows that our department is as important as any department in this book for the upbuilding of our town.

Wanted: Every voter to register at our library during 1908.

The helpful words in literature helps our citizens to be wiser men, remembering that books are each for all and all for each.

Service rendered librarian by trustees is loyal.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Balance Feb. 1, 1907 | \$ 6 53 |
| Received from town | 200 00 |
| from fines | 87 |

207 40

EXPENDITURES.

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|--|-------|
| Librarian's salary | 50 00 |
| Books | 97 37 |
| Magazines | 5 65 |
| Transportation | 7 70 |
| Agents' expenses in purchasing books | 4 00 |
| Printing | 5 75 |
| Binding | 1 00 |
| Supplies | 7 66 |
| Furniture | 14 85 |
| Janitor | 5 00 |
| Washing windows. | 50 |

199 48

Balance 7 92

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Treasurer.

BOOKS ADDED DURING 1907.

| No. | TITLE. | AUTHOR. |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1194 | The Smuggler's Cave, | Ashmore |
| 1195 | The King's Messenger, | Antrobus |
| 1196 | Karl of Erbach, | Bailey |
| 1197 | Racksole Daughter, | Bennett |
| 1198 | Cecilia, | Crawford |
| 1199 | The Maid at Arms, | Chambers |
| 1200 | Captain Bluit, | Clark |
| 1201 | Spindle and Plough, | Dudeney |
| 1202 | Lewis Lent, | Hornung |
| 1203 | Violet, | Hutton |
| 1204 | With Hoops of Steel, | Kelley |
| 1205 | In the Garden of Charity, | King |
| 1206 | A Forest Hearth, | Major |
| 1207 | The Rustler, | McElrath |
| 1208 | The Violet, | Magruder |
| 1209 | The American Prisoner, | Phillpots |
| 1210 | The Castle of Twilight, | Potter |
| 1211 | Mr. Salt, | Payne |
| 1212 | Barbara Ladd, | Roberts |
| 1213 | The Halladay Case, | Stevenson |
| 1214 | Mark Hynge, | Silberrad |
| 1215 | Mistress Barbara, | Sutcliffe |
| 1216 | A Victim of Circumstances, | Anthony |
| 1217 | The Expatriates, | Bell |
| 1218 | Jennie Baxter Journalist, | Barr |
| 1219 | A Heroine of 1812, | Blanchard |
| 1220 | My Lady of Orange, | Bailey |
| 1221 | The Dowager Countess, | Bell, L. |
| 1222 | Souls of Passage, | Barr |
| 1223 | The Princess Thora, | Burland |
| 1224 | Mr. Pennycook's Boy, | Bell, J. |
| 1225 | A King's Divinity, | Bacon |
| 1226 | The Belle of Bowling Green, | Barr |
| 1227 | Tom Gerrard, | Becke |
| 1228 | A Candle of Understanding, | Bisland |

| NO. | TITLE. | AUTHOR. |
|------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1229 | Irish Pastorals, | Bullock |
| 1230 | God's Good Man, | Corelli |
| 1231 | Wellesley Stories, | Cook |
| 1232 | The Way of Berlinda, | Carruth |
| 1233 | The Lunatic at Large, | Clouston |
| 1234 | The Story of the Other Wise Man, | Dyke |
| 1235 | The Awakening of Helen Richie, | Deland |
| 1236 | Sir Nigel, | Doyle |
| 1237 | Unconscious Comedians, | Duer |
| 1238 | The Story of a Short Life, | Ewing |
| 1239 | The Girl in Waiting, | Eyre |
| 1240 | Jackanapes, | Ewing |
| 1241 | Hilma, | Eldridge |
| 1242 | The Dream of a Throne, | Embree |
| 1243 | Poor People, | Friedman |
| 1244 | By Bread Alone, | Friedman |
| 1245 | Three Men and a Maid, | Fraser |
| 1246 | By the Light of the Soul, | Freeman |
| 1247 | Christmas Eve on Lonesome, | Fox |
| 1248 | Her Mountain Lover, | Garland |
| 1249 | The Tom Boy at Work, | Gilder |
| 1250 | House in the Mist, | Green |
| 1251 | Through the Eye of the Needle, | Howells |
| 1252 | The Lady Paramount, | Harland |
| 1253 | The Sacrifice of the Shannon, | Hickman |
| 1254 | Aunt Jane of Kentucky, | Hall |
| 1255 | Ann Boyd, | Harben |
| 1256 | Out of the West, | Higgins |
| 1257 | Bar Harbor Days, | Harrison |
| 1258 | The Late Tenant, | Holmes |
| 1259 | No Hero. | Hornung |
| 1260 | Westerfelt, | Harben |
| 1261 | By the Waters of Babylon, | Koven |
| 1262 | Puck of Pook's Hill, | Kipling |
| 1263 | Heralds of Empire, | Lant |
| 1264 | Sampson Rock of Wall Street, | Lefevre |

| NO. | TITLE. | AUTHOR. |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1265 | Disenchanted, | Loti |
| 1266 | The Missourian, | Lyle |
| 1267 | When Lady Peggy Goes to Town, | Mathews |
| 1268 | Enchantment, | Macgrath |
| 1269 | Graustark, | McCutcheon |
| 1270 | Princess Elopes, | Macgrath |
| 1271 | Maisie and Her Dog, | Musson |
| 1272 | Pamela Congreve, | Mathews |
| 1273 | The New Yorkers, | Mathews |
| 1274 | The Belt of Seven Totems, | Munroe |
| 1275 | The Making of a Country Home, | Mowbray |
| 1276 | Hearts and Masks, | Macgrath |
| 1277 | The Voice in the Desert, | Mackie |
| 1278 | Ike Glidden in Maine, | McFaul |
| 1279 | In the Name of a Woman, | Marchmount |
| 1280 | Cornet Strong of Ireton's Horse, | McChesney |
| 1281 | The Jessamy Bride, | Moore |
| 1282 | Natures Comedian, | Norris |
| 1283 | The Port of Missing Men, | Nickolson |
| 1284 | The Malefactor, | Oppenheim |
| 1285 | Motormaniacs, | Osbourne |
| 1286 | The Heritage of Unrest, | Overton |
| 1287 | Our Little Panama Cousin, | Pike |
| 1288 | The Footsteps of a Throne, | Pemberton |
| 1289 | The Story of Eve, | Payne |
| 1290 | Red Saunders, | Phillips |
| 1291 | The Fortune Hunter, | Phillips |
| 1292 | The Edge of Things, | Peattie |
| 1293 | Cross Country with Horse and Hound, | Peer |
| 1294 | Good Hunting, | Roosevelt |
| 1295 | The Reaper, | Rickett |
| 1296 | Double Trouble, | Quirk |
| 1297 | Hildergade's Holiday, | Richards |
| 1298 | Queen Hildergade, | Richards |
| 1299 | Hildergade's Neighbor's | Richards |
| 1300 | The Indifference of Juliet, | Richmond |

| NO. | TITLE. | AUTHOR. |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1301 | Fishin Jimmy, | Slosson |
| 1302 | Young Explorers of the Amazon, | Stratemeyer |
| 1303 | My Life as an Indian, | Schultz |
| 1304 | Picciola, | Saintine |
| 1305 | They that took the Sword, | Stephenson |
| 1306 | The Port of Storms, | Sholl |
| 1307 | The Colonel of the Red Huzzars, | Scott |
| 1308 | The Tysons, | Sinclair |
| 1309 | Prisoners of Fortune, | Smith |
| 1310 | A Soldier of Virginia, | Stevenson |
| 1311 | A Gentlemen in Waiting, | Sewell |
| 1312 | Four Boys in the Yellowstone, | Tomlinson |
| 1313 | My People of the Plains, | Talbot |
| 1314 | Christian Science, | Twain |
| 1315 | On the Road to Arcady, | Thurston |
| 1316 | A Connecticut in King Arthurs Court, | Twain |
| 1317 | The Impositor, | Talbot |
| 1318 | Jack Raymond, | Voynich |
| 1319 | The Brass Bowl, | Vance |
| 1320 | New Chronicles of Rebecca, | Wiggin |
| 1321 | Betty Wales Junior, | Warde |
| 1322 | Betty Wales Sophomore, | Warde |
| 1323 | A Speckled Bird, | Wilson |
| 1324 | The Rainbow Chasers, | Whitson |
| 1325 | A Prince to Order, | Wayne |
| 1326 | Traitor and Loyalist, | Webster |
| 1327 | A Selfmade Countess, | Winter |
| 1328 | Chloris of the Island, | Watson |
| 1329 | Henderson, | Young |
| 1330 | Honor Deverel, | Yechton |
| 1331 | The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, | Holmes |
| 1332 | Mrs. Shagg's Husbands, | Harte |
| 1333 | The Lady of the Decoration, | Little |
| 1334 | The Hermit, | Munn |
| 1335 | On New Found River, | Page |
| 1336 | The Tides of Barnegat, | Smith, F. H. |

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| 1337 | Vol. I., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1338 | Vol. II., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1339 | Vol. III., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1340 | Vol. IV., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1341 | Vol. V., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1342 | Vol. VI., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1343 | Vol. VII., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1344 | Vol. VIII., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1345 | Vol. IX., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1346 | Vol. X., Crowned Masterpieces of Literature, | Brewer |
| 1347 | Guy Mannering, | Scott |
| 1348 | The Talisman, | Scott |
| 1349 | Woodstock, | Scott |
| 1350 | Peveril of the Park, | Scott |
| 1351 | The Victor of Salamis, | Davis |
| 1352 | Pigs is Pigs, | Butler |
| 1353 | Hyperion, | Longfellow |
| 1354 | The Shuttle, | Burnett |
| 1355 | Walled Inn, | Phelps |
| 1356 | Peter's Mother, | Pasture |
| 1357 | The Romance of an Old Fashioned Gentleman, | Smith |
| 1358 | The Beloved Vagabond, | Locke |
| 1359 | The Trimmed Lamp, | Henry |
| 1360 | Mr. Keegan's Elopement, | Churchill |
| 1361 | Pride and Prejudice, | Austen |
| 1362 | Mr. Tuckerman's Nieces, | Brown |
| 1363 | Randy's Loyalty, | Brooks |
| 1364 | Joseph Vance, | DeMorgan |
| 1365 | Will Varburton, | Gissing |
| 1366 | The Weavers, | Parker |
| 1367 | Handy Andy, | Lover |
| 1368 | Our Little Canadian Cousin, | MacDonald |
| 1369 | Boyhood Days on the Farm, | Muun |
| 1370 | Martin Merrivale, | Trowbridge |
| 1371 | The Silent Door, | Wilkinson |
| 1372 | The Little Guest, | Molesworth |

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| 1373 | Cousin Pons, | Balzac |
| 1374 | The Opened Shutters, | Burnham |
| 1375 | The Mill on the Floss, | Eliot |
| 1376 | Grandmother, | Richards |
| 1377 | The Shepherd of the Hills, | Wright |
| 1378 | The Rose and the Ring, | Thackeray |
| 1379 | Garden Mosaics, | Simpson |
| 1380 | Dover Folklore, | Jones |

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| 43 | Judith and Holofernes, | Aldrich |
| 44 | Sonnets, | Alcott |
| 45 | Another Book of Verses for Children, | Lucas |
| 46 | Poems, | Browning |
| 47 | Poems, | Emerson |
| 48 | Poems, | Holmes |

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| 94 | The Private Life of the Queen, | — |
| 95 | Memoirs of Benvenuto Cellini, | — |
| 96 | Note Book, | DeQuincey |
| 97 | The Modern British Essayists, | Jeffrey |
| 98 | The Modern British Essayists, | Macaulay |
| 99 | Biographical Essays, | DeQuincey's |
| 100 | A Score of Famous Composers, | Dole |
| 101 | Charles Russel Lowell, | Emerson |
| 102 | Longfellow, | Norton |
| 103 | Italian Romance Writers, | Rennard |
| 104 | Benjamin Franklin, | Franklin |
| 105 | Memoirs of Pliny Earle, | Earle |
| 106 | Life and Letters of Cicero, | Jeans |
| 107 | The Perfect Tribute, | Andrews |
| 108 | A Memorial to Mrs. Eliza Daniels, | Dodge |

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| 182 | Queens of England, Vol. I. | |
| 183 | Queens of England, Vol. II. | |
| 184 | Writings, | DeQuincey |

| No. | TITLE. | AUTHOR. |
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| 185 | The Edinburgh Review, | Jeffrey |
| 186 | New England Gazetteer, | Hayward |
| 187 | Speeches of Henry Clay, Vol. I, | Colton |
| 188 | “ “ “ “ “ II, | Colton |
| 189 | Art of War in Europe, | Delafield |
| 190 | Elements of History, | Worcester |
| 191 | Works of Daniel Webster, Vol. III. | |
| 192 | “ “ “ “ “ IV. | |
| 193 | “ “ “ “ “ V. | |
| 194 | “ “ “ “ “ VI. | |
| 195 | Correspondence of Daniel Webster, Vol. I. | |
| 196 | “ “ “ “ “ II. | |
| 197 | Worcester's History. | |
| 198 | Our Navy in the War with Spain, | Spears |
| 199 | History of the World, Vol. I. | |
| 200 | “ “ “ “ “ II. | |
| 201 | Twentieth Regiment Mass. Volunteers, | Bruce |
| 202 | History of the Third Regiment. | |
| 203 | History of the Fiftieth Regiment. | |
| 204 | Forty-first Encampment of the G. A. R. | |
| 205 | History of the Forty-eighth Regiment. | |
| 206 | History of the Nineteenth Regiment. | |
| 207 | History of the Twenty-fourth Regiment. | |
| SCIENCE. | | |
| 49 | Animal Kingdom, Vol. I. | Craig |
| 50 | “ “ “ II, | Craig |
| 51 | Useful Birds and their Protection, | Forbush |
| 52 | The Testimony of the Rocks, | Miller |
| 53 | Agriculture, | Flint |
| TRAVEL. | | |
| 73 | Colorado River, | |
| 74 | The Atlantic Islands, | Benjamin |
| 75 | Three Gringos in Venezuela, | Davis |
| 76 | In Eastern Wonderlands, | Gibson |
| 77 | Tarry at Home Travels, | Hale |

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| 78 | Korea, | Hamlington |
| 79 | Pathfinders of the West, | Lant |
| 80 | Notes in Japan, | Parsons |
| 81 | The Capitals of the World, | Traill |
| 82 | Pictures in Umbria, | Macquoid |

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| 47 | Grafton, |
| 48 | Sturbridge. |
| 49 | Wenham. |
| 50 | Edgartown. |
| 51 | Dalton. |
| 52 | Beverly. |
| 53 | Norton. |
| 54 | Royalston. |
| 55 | Phillipston. |
| 56 | Douglas. |
| 57 | Lynn. |
| 58 | Medford. |
| 59 | Templeton. |
| 60 | Sutton. |
| 61 | Lynn, Vol. II. |
| 62 | Hubbardston. |
| 63 | West Stockbridge. |
| 64 | Gardner. |
| 65 | Dracut. |
| 66 | Williamstown. |
| 67 | Bradford. |

WESLEY E. HOWES, Chairman.
 MRS. ALICE A. BURR, Secretary.
 MRS. OLIVE COOK,
 MRS. MAY S. WRIGHT,
 MISS BERTHA FRANKLIN,
 HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Trustees.

Tax Collectors' Report.

1902 account stands the same as last year.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1908, | \$28 44 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28 44 |

1903 TAXES.

DR.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1907, | 291 95 | |
| To interest collected during year, | 3 74 | |
| | <hr/> | \$295 69 |

CR.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| By interest paid Treasurer during year, | 3 74 | |
| By cash paid Treasurer during year, | 64 95 | |
| Balance due Feb. 1, 1908, | 227 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$295 69 |

1904 TAXES.

DR.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1907, | 806 48 | |
| To interest collected during year, | 4 85 | |
| | <hr/> | \$811 33 |

CR.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| By interest paid Treasurer during year, | 4 85 | |
| By cash paid Treasurer during year, | 201 65 | |
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1908, | 604 83 | |
| | <hr/> | \$811 33 |

C. A. CROOKS, Collector.

1905 TAXES.

DR.

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1907, . . . | 2240 02 | |
| Am't interest due Feb. 1, 1908, . . . | 32 20 | |
| | ————— | \$2272 22 |

CR.

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| By interest paid Treasurer during year, . . . | 32 20 | |
| Taxes collected and paid Treas. during year, . . . | 537 65 | |
| Balance due Feb. 1, 1908, . . . | 1702 37 | |
| | ————— | \$2272 22 |

1906 TAXES.

DR.

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1907, . . . | 3666 14 | |
| Am't interest due Feb. 1, 1908, . . . | 30 74 | |
| | ————— | \$3696 88 |

CR.

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Am't paid Treasurer Feb. 1, 1908 for interest, . . . | 30 74 | |
| Am't collected and paid Treas. Feb. 1, 1908, . . . | 793 47 | |
| Balance due Treasurer Feb. 1, 1908, . . . | 2872 67 | |
| | ————— | \$3696 88 |

MICHAEL F. RYAN, Collector.

1907 TAXES.

DR.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To amount to be collected, . . . | 15962 75 | |
| To amount interest collected, . . . | 6 62 | |
| | ————— | \$15969 37 |

CR. to Feb. 1, 1908.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| By amount paid Treasurer, . . . | 12199 10 | |
| By amount interest paid Treasurer, . . . | 6 62 | |
| By amount of abatements, . . . | 22 29 | |
| By balance due Treasurer, . . . | 3741 36 | |
| | ————— | \$15969 37 |

WALTER H. THAYER, Collector.

Assessors' Report.

VALUATION AND TAX OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 1907.

The Assessors of the Town of Bellingham respectfully submit the following list of the valuation and tax for the year 1907 :

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of persons assessed on polls, | 417 |
| “ “ “ “ for poll tax only, | 237 |
| “ “ “ “ on property, | 510 |
| Whole number of persons assessed, | 747 |
| Number of horses assessed, | 214 |
| “ “ cows assessed, | 488 |
| “ “ other cattle assessed, | 62 |
| “ “ swine “ | 52 |
| “ “ fowls “ | 4790 |
| “ “ dwellings “ | 357 |
| “ “ acres of land “ | 10,980 |
| Value of personal estate, | \$130,985 |
| “ “ real estate, | 683,445 |

Total valuation, \$814,430

Rate of taxation \$18.50 per \$1,000.

EXEMPTIONS.

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Amanda Adams, | \$ 900 |
| Phœbe Brothers, | 600 |
| Emma Chilson, | 1 230 |
| Anson Cass, | 300 |
| Ariel Drake, | 1 000 |
| Harriet Dix, | 500 |
| Henry Dix, | 2 |
| Evelena Estes, | 500 |
| John Gerstle, | 700 |

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Joseph Gerstle, | 425 |
| Wm. Gildersleeve, | 1 000 |
| Colins Keith, | 1 000 |
| Mrs. John Murphy, | 500 |
| Mrs. John Nugent, | 1 000 |
| Henry Pickering, | 1 000 |
| James Richardson, | 800 |
| John Shennen, | 1 000 |
| Mary Sherburne, | 500 |
| Mrs. Charles Thomas, | 500 |
| Ruth and Emma Wilcox, | 1 000 |
| Emma L. Taylor, | 075 |
| Henry O. Arnold, | 1 000 |
| Baptist Church, | 3 000 |
| Catholic Church, | 3 000 |
| Marian Williams, | 700 |

Total, \$22 232

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE C. RHODES,
CARROLL E. WHITE,
CHARLES S. CARTER,

Assessors of Bellingham

Report of Street Lighting Committee.

At the Annual Town Meeting last March \$500.00 was appropriated for street lighting, \$100 to be used at the Center of the town, \$100 at the South end, and \$300 at the North end. The Committee tried to make a trade with officials of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., who control the M. A. & W. St. R. R. Co., to maintain several lights along the line of the Street Railway in South Bellingham where most needed, but have failed to agree on anything as yet.

It was proposed to buy some gasoline street lamps for the Center of the town. There were some for sale in Milford, that could be bought at a reasonable price, but the cost of maintenance would be considerable, and as the citizens did not show much interest in the matter, nothing was done.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. extended their wires from Caryville to North Bellingham, and lights were turned on the fore part of September, making sixteen lights in North Bellingham and sixteen in Carryville, at a cost of \$13.50 per light. Part of the expense is borne by residents of the two villages. We have called on the Town for \$170.99, which pays for the lights to March 1st, 1908.

We would recommend the sum of \$200, and with unexpended balance will make \$529.01 for the ensuing year.

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| Appropriation for street lighting, | \$500 00 |
| Expended, | 170 99 |

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| Unexpended balance, | \$329 01 |
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E. B. STOWE,

C. E. WHITE,

H. D. PERKINS,

Street Lighting Committee.

Bellingham, February, 1908.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen present the following:

TAXATION.

We call your attention to the fact, and it is to the credit of the Town, that our largest appropriations are for schools and their support. Last year \$5,800 support of schools, \$1,500 on principal of new school houses, besides interest. After this \$1,000 each year will have to be paid, \$500 less. The laws in regard to exemptions offset any increase in valuation.

Some of the improvements made last year will not be called for this year.

What the voters appropriate at the Town Meeting is the sum that must be levied, and the following comparisons of 1906 and 1907 will show you why your tax rate was more in 1907. New school house and running expenses of same, interest and principal, heating town house, raising soldiers' monument, street lighting, etc. On our estimates we think the tax rate would be about \$16 per thousand.

Remember, you control the matter.

| | 1906 | 1907 | Increase |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Schools..... | \$ 5,300 | \$ 5,800 | \$ 500 |
| School Physician..... | — | 50 | 50 |
| Highways..... | 900 | 1,400 | 500 |
| Incidentals..... | 100 | 150 | 50 |
| Town Officers..... | 650 | 700 | 50 |
| Interest Town Debt..... | 600 | 900 | 300 |
| Library..... | 150 | 200 | 50 |
| Indigent Soldiers..... | — | 150 | 150 |
| Tree Warden..... | 10 | 25 | 15 |
| Emergency..... | 200 | 300 | 100 |
| Street Lighting..... | — | 500 | 500 |
| Soldiers' Monument..... | — | 100 | 100 |
| School House Notes..... | 1000 | 1500 | 500 |
| Poor Department..... | 1000 | 1500 | 500 |
| | | | <u>\$3,365</u> |

HIGHWAYS.

We have again requested the Massachusetts Highway Commission to accept as a State road the Macadam road on South Main and Center streets, and extend the same to the R. R. bridge ; also, that we should like to have their Division Engineer look over the Scott Hill road, and make some suggestions in regard to drainage, etc., along the line of being a benefit when they should build a Macadam road between end of Macadam on South Main Street and Bellingham Center. Something must be done to improve this road.

We wrote to the Selectmen of Franklin that the Town had voted to repair the road from Bellingham Four Corners towards Woonsocket, and asking them to co-operate with us and extend the work on their part.

We are pleased to state that they answered promptly, saying they should be glad to do so. And it is certainly a great improvement.

Our repeated efforts to have the R. R. Co. make some improvements were finally rewarded, and they have gravelled the approaches to the bridge on North Main Street ; also around the depot and crossing towards South Milford, using 11 car loads of gravel.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

To the Selectmen of Bellingham,

GENTLEMEN:—In making this, my second annual written report to you, I will begin where I left off last year, and repeat it has been a revelation to learn the responsibilities and the law as defined by the Deputy Sealer of the Office. It will take time and study to do all as required.

The year has been one of information and progress.

I am satisfied, that if at the beginning of the year, I had had as many of the implements to work with, as we have at this writing (and all the materials have not arrived as yet) I could have done much better work.

The annual meeting of the Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures was held at the American House, Boston, the 29th of January last year. Being away from home at the time, it was impossible for me to attend the meeting. The Sealer of the coming year, will be almost obliged to visit the Deputy Sealer in Boston for instructions, which will be necessary in respect to Computing Scales, etc.

In order to comply with the law, our local coal dealers, and several other dealers, will need some instructions.

For the benefit of all parties concerned, I would suggest to your honorable board, that you appoint the sealer a public weigher, as is expected by the deputy sealer. It would be wise for the sealer to send to each party, the date of his intended visit, that all articles may be ready for the sealing.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of the Superintendent of Highways.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :—At the last annual March meeting when making an appropriation of fourteen hundred dollars for repair of highways, it was voted to use about one-half of this sum as special appropriations, and certain pieces of street were designated where this was to be expended.

Without criticising the policy of placing so much of the appropriation at the places named will say, that all but about \$75 was expended as voted. This amount was held back to be used at North Bellingham, between the trench bridge and the railroad; but owing to a series of objections in different ways, the work was kept waiting until too late to do it. The street at this point is made up of water bars, ridges and gutters (probably put there for some purpose, the benefit of which I cannot see) and makes a very miserable piece of street. It was suggested to repair this piece of street with gravel from the Bullard pit at Caryville, which would make the material when on the street cost about \$1.00 per load, which is too much when crushed stone can be bought and delivered on the car directly on the work for a small advance over the cost of gravel drawn from Caryville, and if properly laid would wear two or three times longer than gravel. It seems to me that a part of this work, especially the drainage in repairing this particular place in the street, rightfully belongs to the Street Railway Co., and with a little urging they would consent to do a part of it.

Have expended \$94 of the \$100 appropriated for cutting brush, and on the following named streets: Païne, Locust, Franklin, Chestnut, Blackstone, South Main, North Main, Taunton, Hartford and Farm, and from the Franklin line to Whitney's corner on Maple street. All of the boulders on Chestnut street which

have caused so much trouble, have been blasted and carried away, and the street put in fair condition.

The river bridge, near Caryville Mill, has been replanked with 3-inch hard pine. The bridge below Mr. Camp's has been repaired. The trench bridge at North Bellingham has been covered with 3-inch plank, and the river bridge near by repaired. The bridge on Taunton street has been covered with 2-inch chestnut plank, also the bridge on Center street, near Henry O. Arnold's, has been covered with 3-inch plank, making the expense for repair of bridges the past year quite heavy, leaving about \$800 with which to repair about 40 miles of street, or \$20 per mile. Under the impression that a crushed stone road was to be laid over the Scott Hill part of South Main street, it was decided this, and also last year, to make the repairs as light as possible, consequently the street is in very bad condition, and if no state appropriation is in sight I think the Town should consider the matter.

There are a number of places where the guard rails have become rotten, and in some places have fallen down and should be repaired, and in some places where no guard rails ever existed, I think are dangerous and that new rails should be erected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ACCOUNT OF TEAM WORK.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid L. Francis Thayer | \$ 51 41 |
| Eugene C. Webber | 47 91 |
| P. P. Cook | 3 75 |
| Edwin F. Migneault | 4 16 |
| Charles S. Carter | 2 50 |
| Elzear Gendron | 20 00 |
| Stephen E. Scott | 60 00 |
| Carroll E. White | 3 75 |
| Maurice J. Connolly | 80 26 |
| George D. Crooks | 47 50 |
| Felix S. Brothers | 15 51 |
| Willie Levesque | 1 10 |
| Orville C. Rhodes | 11 87 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 349 72 |

ACCOUNT OF LABOR.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Joseph J. Richards | \$139 81 |
| Geo. D. Nourse | 99 80 |
| Eliphalet S. Sears | 41 07 |
| Joseph Gerstle | 37 91 |
| John N. Rhodes | 21 25 |
| Edward F. Gay | 46 41 |
| Charles O'Connor, | 2 25 |
| Eugene Gendron, | 58 83 |
| Hiram A. Cook, | 13 91 |
| Gilbert H. Drake, | 2 25 |
| Mr. Boyd, | 22 08 |
| Jerry Kennelly, | 6 75 |
| John Dee, | 3 75 |
| Cornelius Allen, | 3 00 |
| Dennis Murphy, | 11 67 |
| Stephen Byron, | 1 12 |
| Jerry Bassett, | 1 50 |
| Frank Smith, | 1 50 |
| William H. Penn, | 3 00 |
| William Genroux, | 3 00 |
| Manning B. Taylor, | 7 50 |
| George Butman, | 9 33 |
| Alva H. Trask, | 1 50 |
| William A. Burr, | 25 |
| L. Francis Thayer, | 24 25 |
| Eugene C. Webber, | 28 75 |
| P. P. Cook, | 2 25 |
| Edwin F. Migneault, | 2 59 |
| Charles S. Carter, | 1 50 |
| Elzear Gendron, | 12 00 |
| Stephen E. Scott, | 37 50 |
| Carroll E. White, | 1 50 |
| Maurice J. Connolly, | 27 29 |
| Joseph Prue, | 75 |
| George D. Crooks, | 24 00 |

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| Felix S. Brothers, | 15 33 | |
| Willie Levesque, | 68 | |
| Orville C. Rhodes, | 105 13 | |
| | <hr/> | \$822 96 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Paid J. E. Camp, scraper and repairs, . . | \$13 00 | |
| Car fare, tools, etc., | 12 41 | |
| Gravel, | 27 92 | |
| Drills, etc., | 5 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$58 48 |

BRIDGES.

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Paid Charles R. Weeks, | \$ 11 75 | |
| Woonsocket Lumber Co., | 151 67 | |
| Freight on same, | 10 64 | |
| L. F. Thayer, | 2 65 | |
| Spikes, | 4 60 | |
| Frank P. Metcalf, hanging lights, . . | 50 | |
| James A. Munroe, labor on bridges, . . | 18 02 | |
| E. F. Gay, " " " | 9 00 | |
| Joel J. Clark, " " " | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$209 83 |

SNOW BILLS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|
| Paid S. E. Scott, | \$12 21 | |
| M. J. Connolly, | 10 45 | |
| E. C. Webber, | 5 87 | |
| A. W. Care, | 6 40 | |
| Geo. D. Crooks, | 16 24 | |
| F. S. Brothers, | 2 83 | |
| E. A. Rhodes, | 7 80 | |
| S. Grant, | 7 75 | |
| L. F. Thayer, | 11 00 | |
| Henry W. Pickering, | 4 60 | |
| Willie Levesque, | 7 60 | |
| E. Migneault, | 6 70 | |

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| P. P. Cook & Son, | 4 55 | |
| | | 104 00 |

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| Total, | | \$ 1,544 99 |
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Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE C. RHODES,

Superintendent.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$700 00 |
| License money, | 123 00 |
| From Emergency Fund, | 70 96 |
| | <u>\$893 96</u> |
| Paid Overseers of the Poor Mar. 1, 1907. | |
| O. L. Bullard, | 50 00 |
| F. A. Sherburne, | 15 00 |
| H. W. Pickering, | 15 00 |
| Paid School Committee to Mar. 1, 1907. | |
| Horace A. Brown, | 10 00 |
| James O. Richardson, | 10 00 |
| Clarence A. Crooks, | 20 00 |
| Paid Selectmen and Registrars to Mar. 1, 1907. | |
| Carroll E. White, | 35 00 |
| Michael F. Ryan, | 25 00 |
| Henry W. Pickering, | 25 00 |
| Paid Assessors for 1907. | |
| O. C. Rhodes, | 72 25 |
| Charles S. Carter, | 50 00 |
| C. E. White, | 30 00 |
| Paid Tax Collector. | |
| Michael F. Ryan, | 108 61 |
| C. A. Crooks, | 6 60 |
| Paid Town Treasurer to Mar. 1, 1907. | |
| L. Francis Thayer, | 100 00 |

Paid Moderator, Town Meeting Mar. 1907.

John E. Barber, 5 00

Paid Auditor to Mar. 1, 1907.

Dr. N. W. Sanborn, 10 00

Paid Town Clerk to Mar. 1, 1907. Salary \$25,

registrar \$10, expenses \$35.35, . . . 70 35

Paid Inspector of Animals.

Carroll E. White, 96 00

Paid Canstables and Police duty.

Walter H. Thayer, 10 00

Edwin M. Bennett, 9 00

Timothy Foley, 4 00

Hugh Mears, 10 65

Paid Ballot Clerks and Tellers for Mar. and Nov., 32 50

Paid Expenses Selectmen.

C. E. White, 40 00

M. F. Ryan, 8 00

H. W. Pickering, 15 00

Paid E. S. Sears, janitor, 10 00

————— \$893 96

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation, 100 00

Balance from last year, 85 41

————— \$185 41

Paid S. J. Lawrence, 5 33

James Monoe, 25 50

Albert C. Black, 14 85

Z. C. Field, 39 50

Balance to next year's account, 100 23

————— \$185 41

PRINTING.

Appropriation, 150 00

From Milford Nat'l Bank, 10 00

————— \$160 00

Paid H. Dangel & Co., 34 50

G. M. Billings, 15 50

C. M. W. Earle, 103 00

To next year's account, 7 00

————— \$160 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 |
| Paid Bertha Franklin, | 200 00 |

DECORATION DAY.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation, | 32 50 |
| Balance from last year, | 17 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$50 00 |
| Paid James O. Richardson, | 50 00 |

CEMETERIES.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation, | 25 00 |
| Balance from last year, | 16 65 |
| From Emergency fund, | 2 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$43 75 |
| Paid S. Fred Metcalf, | 13 50 |
| O. C. Rhodes, | 25 25 |
| H. A. Whitney, | 8 00 |
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

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| Balance from last year, | \$25 50 |
| Paid H. W. Pickering, | 2 00 |
| C. E. White, | 5 00 |
| N. W. Sanborn, | 2 50 |
| C. E. White, Inspector Provisions, | 5 00 |
| M. F. Ryan, | 2 00 |
| To next year, | 9 00 |
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| | 25 50 |

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, SOUTH END.

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| Appropriation from last year, | \$771 80 |
| Paid as per Building Committee report, | 552 31 |
| Balance to next year, | 219 49 |
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| | 771 80 |

INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
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| Appropriation, | | \$150 00 |
| Paid Samuel Ward Co., | 2 10 | |
| Malden Specialty Co., | 1 50 | |
| E. L. Burdaken, | 10 00 | |
| W. & C. E. Gurley, | 22 35 | |
| N. W. Sanborn, | 10 00 | |
| C. E. White, | 15 00 | |
| C. A. Cook, | 5 00 | |
| L. F. Thayer et. al., forest fires, | 59 25 | |
| L. F. Thayer, | 12 49 | |
| To next year acc't | 12 31 | |
| | | <u>150 00</u> |

INDIGENT SOLDIER'S ACCOUNT.

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|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | 150 00 | |
| Balance from last year, | 111 14 | |
| | | <u>\$261 14</u> |
| Paid Milford Hospital, Bridget Burk, | 60 00 | |
| Dr. Randall, | 44 95 | |
| To next year's acc't | 156 19 | |
| | | <u>261 14</u> |

TRAMPS.

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|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Balance from last year, | | \$26 11 |
| Paid E. S. Sears, | 5 00 | |
| To next year's acc't, | 21 11 | |
| | | <u>26 11</u> |

TREE WARDEN.

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Appropriation | 25 00 | |
| Balance from last year | 15 75 | |
| | | <u>\$40 75</u> |
| Paid H. A. Whitney | 37 25 | |
| To next year's account | 3 50 | |
| | | <u>40 75</u> |

STATE ROAD.

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|-----------------------------------|--|-------|
| Received from Mass. Highway Com., | | 17 07 |
| Paid L. F. Thayer | | 17 07 |

STATE AID.

The following accounts have been disbursed under Chapter 374, Acts of 1889, and will be reimbursed by the State :

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Paid John J. Gerstle and wife | 100 00 | |
| Levi Bennett | 30 00 | |
| Joseph M. Burr and wife | 120 00 | |
| Bridget Burk | 28 00 | |
| John Shannon | 48 00 | |
| Eliphalet S. Sears | 48 00 | |
| Amanda L. Adams | 48 00 | |
| Marion Williams | 48 00 | |
| Sarah Holbrook | 16 00 | |
| | ———— | 486 00 |

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Appropriation | 1400 00 | |
| Street R. R. tax | 144 99 | |
| | ———— | 1544 99 |
| Paid as per Superintendent's report | | 1544 99 |

SOLDIER'S MONUMENT.

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| Appropriation | 100 00 | |
| From Emergency Fund | 14 74 | |
| | ———— | \$114 74 |
| Paid L. F. Thayer, merchandise and labor | 37 99 | |
| Mary E. Cutler, shrubs | 10 00 | |
| A. C. Kinney, labor | 10 00 | |
| Mr. Cunniff, labor | 13 50 | |
| C. Tighe, labor | 7 50 | |
| Frank Gay, labor | 3 75 | |
| George Nourse, labor | 3 00 | |
| J. Gerstle, labor | 5 25 | |
| E. S. Sears, labor | 5 25 | |
| Hiram Cook, labor | 6 00 | |
| C. E. White, loam | 12 50 | |
| | ———— | 114 74 |

EMERGENCY FUND.

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Appropriation | 300 00 | |
| Balance from last year | 21 46 | |
| | <hr/> | 321 46 |
| Transferred to account of Soldier's Monument, | 14 74 | |
| Transferred to account of Cemeteries | 2 10 | |
| Transferred to Town Officers | 70 96 | |
| To meet next year's account | 233 66 | |
| | <hr/> | 321 46 |

BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Repairs on Town Buildings | 100 23 |
| Board of Health | 9 50 |
| Indigent Soldier's Aid. | 156 19 |
| Tree Warden | 3 50 |
| Tramps | 21 11 |
| Markers for Soldier's Graves | 10 00 |
| New School Building | 219 49 |
| Emergency Fund | 233 66 |
| Street Lighting | 329 01 |
| Incidentals | 12 31 |
| Street R. R. tax | 408 57 |
| Printing | 7 00 |

STATMENT STREET R. R. TAX.

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| State Tax, | 184 35 | |
| Excise Tax, | 369 21 | |
| | <hr/> | \$553 56 |
| Transferred to Highway Department, | 144 99 | |
| Balance to next year's acc't, | 408 57 | |
| | <hr/> | 553 56 |

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS HAVE PAID

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| Town Officers, | \$893 96 |
| Highway Department, | 1544 99 |
| Printing, | 153 00 |
| Repair of Town buildings, | 85 18 |
| Incidentals, | 137 69 |
| State Aid, | 486 00 |

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| Soldiers' Monument, | 114 74 |
| Cemeteries, | 43 75 |
| Street Lighting, | 170 99 |
| Library, | 200 00 |
| Decoration, | 50 00 |
| Tramps, | 5 00 |
| Tree Warden, | 37 25 |
| Indigent Soldiers, | 104 95 |
| South School, | 552 31 |
| Board of Health, | 16 50 |
| State Road, | 17 07 |
| | ————— 4613 38 |

ESTIMATES OF THE SELECTMEN.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Support of Schools, | \$5800 00 |
| Highways, | 1200 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 1400 00 |
| Repair of Town Building, | 100 00 |
| Town Incidentals, | 150 00 |
| Street Lighting, | 200 00 |
| Printing, | 150 00 |
| Town Officers, | 700 00 |
| Interest, | 900 00 |
| Cemeteries, | 25 00 |
| Decoration, | 50 00 |
| Library, | 150 00 |
| Indigent Soldiers, | — |
| Tramps, | — |
| Town Debt, | — |
| Tree Warden, | 25 00 |
| Board of Health, | 25 00 |
| Emergency fund, | 100 00 |
| School House Notes, | 1000 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

MICHAEL F. RYAN,

HENRY W. PICKERING,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Report of Overseers of the

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Overseers of the Poor present the following report for the year ended Feb. 1, 1908:

The Town Farm and Almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whiting the past year.

The present number of inmates is six.

As ordered by vote of the Town, a steam heating plant has been put into the almshouse. It seems to work nicely, and is large enough to heat more rooms if it is ever needed.

Two tramps have been cared for during the past year.

Overseers have approved bill of Eliphlet Sears for care of lock-up, \$5.00.

The Overseers have approved bills for repairs of Town buildings as follows:

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| A. C. Black, | \$14 85 |
| Z. C. Field, | 39 50 |
| James Munroe, | 25 50 |
| | <hr/> \$79 85 |

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

| | Age. | Weeks. | Days. |
|--------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Sarah Cross, | 51 | 52 | 00 |
| Clarissa P. Adams, | 55 | 52 | 00 |
| Mary Watt, | 62 | 52 | 00 |
| Robert A. Daniels, | 78 | 52 | 00 |
| John H. Eaton, | 81 | 52 | 00 |
| Dexter Bates, | 71 | 37 | 00 |
| Bridget Burke, | 62 | 5 | 4 |
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PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY
ASSESSORS JAN, 31, 1908.

| | |
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| Land and buildings, | \$5000 00 |
| 11 cows, 2 heifers, 1 bull, | 650 00 |
| 3 horses, | 475 00 |
| 10 wagons and sleds, | 400 00 |
| Household furniture, | 400 00 |
| Small tools and fertilizers, | 225 00 |
| Harnesses and blankets, | 150 00 |
| Hay, | 190 00 |
| From machinery, | 195 00 |
| Ensilage, | 150 00 |
| Lumber and posts, | 200 00 |
| Cord wood, | 120 00 |
| Stove wood, | 125 00 |
| Potatoes and vegetables, | 100 00 |
| Fowls, | 80 00 |
| Grain, | 45 00 |
| 4 hogs, | 65 00 |
| Coal, tar, oil, etc., | 30 00 |
| Pork, lard, butter, | 15 00 |
| Vinegar and barrels, | 15 00 |
| Bone cutter, | 14 00 |
| Small groceries, | 40 00 |
| | —————\$8684 00 |

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Error, | 32 29 |
| Stock, | 329 50 |
| Board, | 4 00 |
| Bees, | 8 00 |
| Poultry and eggs, | 250 26 |
| Use of bull and boar, | 29 00 |
| Milk, | 1378 15 |
| Junck, | 3 75 |
| Potatoes, | 5 35 |
| Pigs and pork, | 27 00 |

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| Lumber and wood, | 16 00 |
| Transporting scholars, | 400 00 |
| Labor, | 3 50 |
| | <hr/> 2486 80 |

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Medway, | 43 00 |
| For care of state paupers, | 54 75 |
| From Chicopee, | 18 00 |
| | <hr/> 2602 55 |

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

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| Hardware and seeds, | 81 88 |
| Labor, | 425 80 |
| Stock, | 207 00 |
| Blacksmithing and wagon repairs, | 123 97 |
| Grain, | 1316 24 |
| Sundries for farm use, | 144 50 |
| Groceries and meat, | 577 75 |
| Dry goods and shoes, | 20 18 |
| Doctors and medicines, | 20 85 |
| Sundries for house use, | 135 78 |
| Heating plant, | 424 00 |
| Salary of superintendent and matron, | 399 96 |
| | <hr/> \$3877 91 |

OUTSIDE AID.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Kate Daugnault, | \$31 41 |
| Polly Drake, | 30 00 |
| Mrs. Geo. Miller, | 33 31 |
| Peter C. Robinson, | 31 00 |
| Maybell Sproul, | 4 69 |
| Thomas A. Fitzpatrick, | 98 67 |
| Mrs. Alfred Denoye, | 3 00 |
| Peter Rattie, | 78 00 |
| Mrs. James Collerton, | 9 00 |
| Lucy Woodman, | 52 00 |
| Elizabeth Burke, | 168 28 |

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| John O'Neil, | 27 00 | |
| Herbert Goff, | 19 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$585 36 |
| Incidentals, | | 20 02 |

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| From Farm, | 2486 80 | |
| From other sources, | 115 75 | |
| Gain in appraisals, | 338 50 | |
| Due from State, | 25 00 | |
| Other Towns, | 15 00 | |
| Appropriation, | 1500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4481 05 |

EXPENDITURES.

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Expense at almshouse, | 3877 91 | |
| Outside aid, | 585 36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4463 27 |

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| Balance unexpended, | \$ 17 53 |
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COST OF KEEPING INMATES AT TOWN FARM EXCLUDING
INTEREST AND REPAIRS.

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| Appraisals of property at Farm Jan. 31, 1908, | \$8684 00 |
| Appraisals of property at Farm Jan. 31, 1907, | 8345 50 |
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| Gain, | \$ 338 50 |
| Expense at Town Farm, | \$3877 91 |
| Less gain in appraisals and income of farm, | 2825 30 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net expense, | \$1052 61 |
| 302 weeks board at | \$3 484 |
| Overseers have issued orders on Treasurer, No. 985 to 1080 inclusive, amounting to | \$4483 29 |
| They have his receipts for | 2602 55 |

O. L. BULLARD,
H. W. PICKERING,
F. A. SHERBURNE,
Overseers of Poor.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

| Name and Amount Lett. | One Year's Interest on Several Lots. | Amount expended on Each Lot During the Year, as follows : | Balance Due on Each Lot for Year Ending Feb. 1, 1908. |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Zebina Bullard..... | \$100 00 | Paid Trustees of Cemeteries..... | \$3 00 |
| B. Benedict..... | 40 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| A. P. Eaton..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Sarah Holbrook..... | 100 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Jarvis Cook..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| P. Bryant..... | 100 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| E. Barber..... | 30 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Lavinia Taft..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| A. M. Clarke..... | 30 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Amos Keach..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Olive Cushman..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Calvin Rockwood..... | 100 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Benjamin Marble..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Martin Rockwood..... | 50 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
| Mary M. Metcalf..... | 100 00 | “ “ “ “ | “ “ “ “ |
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LIST OF JURORS

As Revised by the Selectmen of Bellingham.

George D. Crooks, farmer, Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1.
 Clarence A. Crooks, farmer, " " " "
 Granville N. Douglas, farmer, " " " "
 William F. Wales, farmer, " " " "
 Henry W. Pickering, farmer, " " " "
 James F. Naughton, motorman, North Bellingham.
 James H. Smith, mill operative, North Bellingham.
 John Shannon, farmer, South Milford, Mass.
 Henry A. Whitney, insurance agent, Bellingham.
 Michael F. Ryan, conductor, North Bellingham.
 Harry Camp, lumberman, Caryville, Mass.
 P. Joseph Murphy, machinist, North Bellingham.
 Edward E. Rockwood, grocer, Bellingham.
 Cornelius W. Fitzpatrick, mill operative, North Bellingham.
 Carroll E. White, farmer, Bellingham.
 Timothy E. Foley, clerk, North Bellingham.

CARROLL E. WHITE,
 MICHAEL F. RYAN,
 HENRY W. PICKERING,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Town Treasurer's Report.

FEB. 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, \$4700 96

From State Treasurer :

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Corporation tax, | 718 37 |
| National Bank tax, | 93 78 |
| Support of sick paupers, | 54 75 |
| State aid, | 446 00 |
| Street Railway tax, | 184 35 |
| Tuition of children, | 81 00 |
| Inspection of animals, | 43 25 |
| Massachusetts school fund, | 1229 99 |

From County Treasurer :

| | |
|--|---------|
| Dog tax, | 293 55 |
| J. Dutcher school fund, | 416 66 |
| School committee—tuition, | 10 00 |
| School committee—error, | 15 00 |
| District court, | 80 00 |
| Samuel Capen, sheriff Dedham, | 20 00 |
| Adams express, license, | 1 00 |
| Hoag, license, | 100 00 |
| E. P. Blackmar, license, | 15 00 |
| E. B. Stowe, fire works license, | 1 00 |
| E. Grant, fire works license, | 1 00 |
| O. J. Fisher, pool room license, | 2 00 |
| Sunderland pool room license, | 4 00 |
| Overseers of the Poor, | 2602 55 |
| Check book, | 10 00 |
| Martin Rockwood estate (cemetery lot in trust), | 50 00 |

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| Mary M. Metcalf, (cemetery lot in trust), | 100 00 | |
| C. A. Crooks, tax collector, | 275 19 | |
| M. F. Ryan, tax collector, | 1394 06 | |
| Walter H. Thayer, tax collector, | 12205 72 | |
| Walter H. Thayer, abatements, | 22 29 | |
| Borrowed money from : | | |
| Milford National Bank, | 8000 00 | |
| State highway, | 17 07 | |
| | | <u>28,487 58</u> |
| | | 33,188 54 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Paid State tax, | 1000 00 | |
| Repairs of State highway, | 487 54 | |
| County tax, | 583 87 | |
| School Committee's orders, | 8472 71 | |
| Selectmen's orders, | 4613 38 | |
| Overseers of the Poor orders, | 4021 13 | |
| District Court, | 45 55 | |
| Insurance on town buildings, | 123 30 | |
| Interest on school house notes, | 545 00 | |
| Interest on Town notes, | 157 92 | |
| Interest on borrowed money, | 323 00 | |
| Two school house notes, | 1017 50 | |
| One South school house note, | 500 00 | |
| Cemetery lots in trust, | 25 75 | |
| J. L. Martin, | 7 50 | |
| Herbert Bent, | 12 50 | |
| School Committee order, | 13 00 | |
| Milford National Bank, | 11000 00 | |
| Burial Francis Tingley, | 35 00 | |
| Burial Bridget Burke, | 37 00 | |
| Walter H. Thayer, abatement, | 22 29 | |
| | | <u>\$32,643 99</u> |

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|--|---------|-------------|
| Baptist Society note, | 632 00 | |
| Heirs of Luther Thayer note, | 1000 00 | |
| L. F. Thayer note, | 2000 00 | |
| New school house notes, | 7000 00 | |
| South school house notes, | 7000 00 | |
| Milford National Bank, | 3000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$20,632 00 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Due from G. H. Drake, | 9 52 | |
| Due from C. A. Crooks, | 860 27 | |
| Due from M. F. Ryan, | 4575 04 | |
| Due from W. H. Thayer, | 3741 36 | |
| Cash on hand, | 544 85 | |
| | <hr/> | 9730 74 |

Liabilities in excess of assets, \$10,901 26

L. F. THAYER,

Town Treasurer.

Report of Building Committee on South School.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

Your Committee had the walks at the South School concreted during the Summer vacation by Contractor French, at an expense of \$102.25.

We were unable to get the person who took the contract of grading to perform the work before the ground froze up last fall, and we would recommend that the balance of the appropriation for the South School be placed in the hands of the School Committee, and the Building Committee discharged.

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman.
HADLEY E. PERKINS,
CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Secretary.

Auditor's Report.

Unlike previous years the Auditor began his work the day following his election. By vote of the Town he was required to approve bills before they were paid by the Treasurer. The new plan has appeared to give satisfaction and should be followed the coming year. The Auditor has kept a set of books through the year, keeping in touch with the receipts and expenditures of the several Boards. Experience has taught the Auditor that it will be necessary to keep more fully informed of the sums received by the Treasurer direct, and then credited to the accounts of the Boards to which they belong.

The Auditor desires to call your attention to the fact that the Overseers' Department approved Order 1079, \$462.11, but owing to the close drawing on their credit, it has not been approved. This bill for installing steam heat at the Town Home is still unpaid, and should be considered in making the new appropriation.

There is much to commend in the records, accounts, files and orders of the Boards. Especially is this true of the work of the Treasurer's office.

As in past years, the Auditor can say: "The bills and statements are properly vouched and correctly cast."

NATHAN W. SANBORN,

Town Auditor.

Bellingham, Mass., Feb. 13, 1908.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Second day of March A. D., 1908, at Ten o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers :—Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for 1 year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 3 Assessors of Taxes, 1 for 3 years, 1 for 2 years, and 1 for 1 year, Auditor for 1 year, Collector of Taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; also on the same ballot to answer the following questions :—“ Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?” “ Yes” or “ No.” Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes :—1st, to support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars, and salary of Superintendent; to see if the

Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars; the same to be expended under provisions of Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906, which is entitled An Act Relative to the Appointment of School Physician; 2nd, highways and bridges, railings and guide boards; 3rd, Support of Poor; 4th, Repair of Town buildings; 5th, Incidental items; 6th, Printing; 7th, Interest on Town debt; 8th, to pay Town debt; 9th, to pay Town Officers; 10th, repairs in the cemeteries; 11th, Decoration day; 12th, public library; 13th, indigent soldier's aid; 14th, care of tramps; 15th, use of tree warden; 16th, emergency fund; 17th, board of health; 28th, Street Lighting.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will give the Selectmen authority to contract with the State Highway Commission as required under provision of Section 10, Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will assume damages if any which may result from the construction of a State Highway, commencing at northerly end of present State Highway and extending on Center and South Main streets towards Scott Hill.

ARTICLE 7. To see when several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a treasurer has when appointed Collector and establish a Collector's salary.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will allow any bill that may be presented.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to observe an "Old Home Day." Also appropriate any money for the same, or act or do anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this Fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1908.

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| CARROLL E. WHITE, | } | Selectmen of Bellingham |
| MICHAEL F. RYAN, | | |
| HENRY W. PICKERING, | | |

ATTEST :

.....
Constable of Bellingham.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1907-1908.



MILFORD, MASS.:
C. M. W. EARLE, PRINTER, 153 MAIN STREET.
1908.

School Committee, 1907-1908.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Chairman, | Term expires 1908 |
| JAMES O. RICHARDSON, | Term expires 1909 |
| JOHN E. BARBER, Secretary, | Term expires 1910 |

TRUANT OFFICERS.

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| EDWIN M. BENNETT, | W. C. WHITE, |
| HENRY A. WHITNEY, | HERBERT F. TAYLOR. |

HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee organized with Clarence A. Crooks, Chairman, and John E. Barber, Secretary.

The District Committee met as usual in April, and organized with Frank Wood of Mendon, Chairman, and Frank J. Dutcher of Hopedale, Secretary, and unanimously re-elected Herbert F. Taylor Superintendent of Schools.

Pupils desiring to attend High School in the neighboring towns, at our town's expense, should comply with the State law, and obtain the approval of the School Committee before entering upon their High School course. The parents of pupils who fail to secure such approval should hold themselves responsible for the tuition charges.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools follows our financial report, and should receive careful attention and consideration.

The Committee would ask for an appropriation of \$6,300.00 for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| Unexpended balance, | | 00 | 51 |
| “ “ account error, | | 15 | 00 |
| Appropriation, | | 5,800 | 00 |
| District School fund, | | 416 | 66 |
| State Wards, | | 81 | 00 |
| Dog tax, | | 293 | 55 |
| Local Tuition, | | 10 | 00 |
| Income Massachusetts School Fund, | | 1,229 | 99 |
| Overdrawn, | | 626 | 10 |
| | | | <hr/> \$8,472 81 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Supervision, | 644 65 | |
| Teaching, | 3,929 25 | |
| Care of Buildings, | 701 25 | |
| Transportation, | 1,181 20 | |
| Tuition, | 679 75 | |
| Fuel, | 785 40 | |
| Text Books, | 54 23 | |
| Repairs, | 27 50 | |
| Supplies, | 358 67 | |
| Incidentals, | 110 91 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,472 81 |

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Appropriation, | 50 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$50 00 |
| Paid N. W. Sanborn, M. D., | 13 00 | |
| Unexpended balance, | 37 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 50 00 |

MEMORANDUM OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| Due from Library Department, | 30 00 | |
| Due for Local Tuition, | 50 00 | |
| Due from State, High School Tuition, | 217 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$297 25 |
| Unpaid bills, | 46 51 | |
| | <hr/> | \$46 51 |

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

SUPERVISION.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid Herbert F. Taylor, | 644 65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$644 65 |

TEACHING.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Paid Frances Hallier, 36 weeks, | 423 00 |
| " Freda M. Duplessis, 36 weeks, | 369 00 |
| " Winnifred M. Crockwell, 36 weeks, | 378 00 |
| " Mabel Drake, 36 weeks, | 378 00 |
| " Maude Hallier, 36 weeks, | 423 00 |
| " Madella Feltham, 36 weeks, | 342 00 |
| " Ethel Rockwell, 36 weeks, | 342 00 |
| " Letitia Cahoon, 21 weeks, | 231 00 |
| " Eva M. Jackson, 39 weeks, | 376 50 |
| " Bertha Whipple, 39 weeks, | 379 50 |
| " Mabel D. Snow, 18 weeks, | 171 00 |
| " Josephine W. Chute, drawing, | 41 25 |
| " Helen L. Varney, drawing, | 75 00 |
| | <hr/> \$3,929 25 |

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Paid S. Fred Metcalf, 18 weeks, | 117 00 |
| " Oliver J. Fisher, 18 weeks, | 117 00 |
| " J. O. Richardson, 36 weeks, | 216 00 |
| " W. C. White, 39 weeks, | 213 00 |
| " Oliver J. Fisher, cleaning, | 15 25 |
| " J. O. Richardson, cleaning, | 10 40 |
| " W. C. White, cleaning, | 8 50 |
| " W. H. Penn, cleaning, | 4 10 |
| | <hr/> \$701 25 |

TRANSPORTATION.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Paid Poor Department, 40 weeks, | 400 00 |
| " L. Francis Thayer, 40 weeks, | 327 00 |
| " Anson Cass, 39 weeks, | 351 00 |
| " M. A. & W. Ry, | 103 20 |
| | <hr/> \$1,181 20 |

TUITION.

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Paid Town of Franklin, | 558 75 |
| " Town of Milford, | 76 00 |
| " Town of Medway, | 45 00 |
| | <hr/> \$679 75 |

FUEL.

| | | |
|--|-----|----------|
| Paid L. F. Thayer, 29.445 tons coal, \$6.55, | 192 | 86 |
| “ L. F. Thayer, 35.987 tons coal, \$6.75, | 242 | 92 |
| “ L. F. Thayer, 14. tons coal, \$7.35, | 102 | 90 |
| “ L. F. Thayer, wood, | 21 | 50 |
| “ E. Grant, 28.18 tons coal, \$6.50, . | 183 | 16 |
| “ C. A. Crooks, wood, | 42 | 06 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$785 40 |

TEXT BOOKS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Paid B. H. Sanborn & Co., | 5 | 17 |
| “ Houghton, Mifflin & Co., | 2 | 55 |
| “ D. C. Heath & Co., | 16 | 00 |
| “ E. E. Babb & Co., | 30 | 51 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$54 23 |

REPAIRS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|---------|
| Paid O. J. Fisher, | 1 | 65 |
| “ J. F. Damon, | 3 | 00 |
| “ Clark & Holbrook, | 10 | 30 |
| “ W. C. White, | 6 | 70 |
| “ A. P. Clarridge | 1 | 50 |
| “ E. F. Lilley, | 4 | 00 |
| “ Eugene Hamblin, | 35 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$27 50 |

SUPPLIES.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Paid Milton-Bradley Co., | 36 | 25 |
| “ F. W. Martin, | 18 | 25 |
| “ G. M. Billings, | 7 | 50 |
| “ E. E. Babb & Co., | 233 | 88 |
| “ J. L. Hammett & Co., | 16 | 29 |
| “ C. A. Crooks, | 70 | |
| “ Clark Ellis & Son, | 4 | 80 |
| “ L. F. Thayer, | 6 | 64 |
| “ W. H. Collins & Co., | 15 | 75 |
| “ J. O. Richardson, | 75 | |
| “ W. C. White. | 1 | 15 |
| “ F. W. Draper & Co., | 60 | |

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| " Thorp & Martin Co., | 1 50 |
| " Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, | 5 76 |
| " H. F. Taylor, | 6 25 |
| " Eugene Hamblin, | 2 60 |
| | ————— |
| | \$358 67 |

INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid H. F. Taylor, expense for teachers, | 5 07 |
| " H. F. Taylor, telephone rental and tolls, | 6 11 |
| " H. A. Whitney, school census, | 7 83 |
| " J. O. Richardson, telephone, | 30 |
| " Eldredge & Son, floor dressing, | 5 25 |
| " P. A. Woodward, three fire extinguishers, | 33 00 |
| " A. C. Mason, stamp and pad, | 1 60 |
| " E. Grant, brooms and barrow, | 4 20 |
| " Paul St. Jackues, barrow and screen, | 4 75 |
| " Avery & Woodbury, bal. due on curtains and fixtures, | 42 80 |
| | ————— |
| | \$110 91 |

CLARENCE A. CROOKS, *Chairman.*JOHN E. BARBER, *Secretary.*

JAMES O. RICHARDSON.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:—

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the fourteenth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, it being the sixth of the present incumbent.

The most gratifying feature of the year's work has been the increased efficiency of the teaching force, due to the fact that there has been but one change since the last report. As in business affairs, the longer the term of service of an employee, the greater the value to the employer. Our corps, as at present constituted, is the most efficient that has been employed since my connection with the schools. I trust that we may be able to retain the present force for the coming year.

The most serious source of discord between school and home during the past year, has been due to misunderstandings concerning the provisions of the law concerning medical inspection. That this law and its method of application may be better understood, I would offer the following explanation.

The purpose of the law is twofold; first, to insure that the children are in a condition of health which enables them to successfully do the work of the grade in which they are placed; second, to prevent the spread of contagion by promptly diagnosing and excluding all cases that are at all suspicious. The medical inspector's decision concerning exclusion, length of quarantine, and re-admission is final, the teacher's responsibility ending when the case has been called to the attention of the school physician. The school physician is not allowed by law to prescribe for the child who is ill, that being left for the family physician. The eye and ear tests are made by the teachers, whose duty ends when the parent has been notified of the defect found. This would seem to be the weakest portion of the law, for it sometimes happens that the parents are unable or unwilling to remedy the defects which are called to their attention, thus subjecting

School from 3.00 until 3.40 the second Tuesday of the month,
at the North School from 2.40 until 3.20 the third Tuesday of
the month.

I wish to thank you and the citizens for many courtesies during
the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Superintendent.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT. 1907, TO JUNE, 1908.

| FALL TERM, 14 WEEKS. | | WINTER TERM, 12 WEEKS. | | SPRING TERM, 10 WEEKS. | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Opens, | Closes, | Opens, | Closes, | Opens, | Closes, |
| Sept. 9, | Dec. 13, | Dec. 30, | Mar. 20, | April 6, | June 12, |
| 1907. | 1907. | 1907. | 1908. | 1908. | 1908 |

Holidays : Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT. 1908, TO JUNE, 1909.

| FALL TERM, 14 WEEKS. | | WINTER TERM, 12 WEEKS. | | SPRING TERM, 10 WEEKS. | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------|
| Opens, | Closes, | Opens, | Closes, | Opens, | Closes, |
| Sept. 14, | Dec. 18, | Jan. 4, | Mar. 26, | April 12, | June 18 |
| 1908. | 1908. | 1909. | 1909. | 1909. | 1909. |

ROLL OF HONOR, BELLINGHAM.

SIX TERMS.

Bertha Arnold, South Intermediate.
Ernest Thayer, Massey Grammar.
Marion Perkins, South Primary.

THREE TERMS.

Clayton Barber, North Sub-Grammar.
Francis Woodhead, North Primary.
Ada Rockwood, Edith Rockwood, Emma Russen, Everett
Rockwood, Massey Grammar.
Arthur Rockwood, Massey Intermediate.
Flora Willette, South Intermediate.
Alcide Dion, South Primary.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Amos Bird, May Kelliher, North Primary.
Rosina Guinasso, Massey Grammar.

FALL TERM.

Susan Duffy, May O'Connell, North Grammar.
George Duffy, Cecil Howarth, North Sub-Grammar.
Ralph King, North Intermediate.
Nellie Connelly, Frank Keating, Alexander McLean, North
Primary.
Elizabeth Allison, Loretta Haynes, May Hunter, Evelyn
Irons, Jessie Migneault, Edna Trask, John Graves, Ruel
Thayer, Alice Spencer, Myrtle Spencer, Edward Spencer, Jack
Moore, Massey Grammar.
Eva Haynes, Emily Migneault, Eva Symmes, Mildred Whit-
ing, Massey Intermediate.

Elizabeth Mears, Annie Drescher, Massey Primary. 1106

Wilfred Perkins, Francis Pickering, Lewis Rhodes, Emma Richards, Edgar Scott, South Grammar.

Eva Brothers, Hazel Burr, Frances Kelly, Madeline Kelly, Eva Richards, Marjorie Rhodes, Hazel Taft, Edith Morris, Joseph Brothers, Joseph Gelinas, Eddie Lloyd, Edward Westman, South Intermediate.

Reba Beaudry, Stephen Brothers, Romeo Dion, Leonard Estes, Donat Gelinas, Ernestine Parquin, Bertram Perkins, George Rhodes, Oscar Willette, South Primary.

WINTER TERM. 1907

Francis Flannigan, North Grammar.

Margaret Desmond, Eddie McMahon, Tessie O'Rourke, North Sub-Grammar.

Ralph King, North Intermediate.

Myra Dee, Mildred Dee, May Dee, Remi Janelle, Frank Keating, Mark McMahon, Alexander McLean, North Primary.

Alice Spencer, Myrtle Spencer, Edward Spencer, Jack Moore, Massey Grammar.

John Mears, Massey Primary.

Wilfred Perkins, Francis Pickering, South Grammar.

Hazel Burr, Madeline Kelly, South Intermediate.

SPRING TERM. 1907

Julia Kane, Mary Laverick, North Grammar.

Mary Smith, North Sub-Grammar.

Raphael Edwards, Austin Edwards, Leo Dee, Melina Denoyelle, Bertha Fitzpatrick, North Intermediate.

May Allen, Nellie Connelly, Lizzie Dandurand, George Edwards, Lena Fitzpatrick, Waldo Kennelley, William Laverick, Loretta Shea, North Primary.

May Hunter, George Sears, Massey Grammar.

Ruth Haskard, Elizabeth Sears, Massey Intermediate.

Eva Brothers, Frances Kelly, Dorothy Staples, Elorie Paquin,
South Intermediate.

Stephen Brothers, Remeo Dion, Leonard Estes, Blanche
Ferrier, Harry Laflamme, Leo Laflamme, Herbert Mowry,
Nelson Morris, South Primary.

| SCHOOLS. | Average Member- ship. | Average Attend- ance. | Per Cent. of Atten- dance. | Total Enroll- ment. | Total Days of Absence. | Tardy. | Dis- missed. | Truants. | Corporal Punish- ment. | Visits by Superin- tendent. | Visits by Others. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| North Grammar... | 19.76 | 18.48 | 93.24 | 24 | 231.5 | 50 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 13 |
| North Sub. " ... | 31.13 | 28.43 | 91. | 32 | 447 | 53 | 43 | 0 | 6 | 33 | 6 |
| North Intermediate | 23.81 | 22.01 | 92.44 | 29 | 217.5 | 60 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 27 | 12 |
| North Primary.... | 29.3 | 28.00 | 95.5 | 35 | 212.5 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 14 |
| Massey Grammar . | 28.29 | 27.00 | 95.4 | 31 | 220 | 16 | 32 | 0 | 4 | 38 | 39 |
| Massey Intermediate | 24.3 | 22.08 | 91.9 | 31 | 353 | 51 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 41 | 21 |
| Massey Primary... | 28.65 | 25.56 | 89. | 32 | 553.5 | 37 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 31 |
| South Grammar .. | 15.47 | 14.48 | 93.6 | 19 | 184 | 44 | 35 | 0 | 8 | 33 | 19 |
| South Intermediate | 35.48 | 32.52 | 91.91 | 40 | 521.5 | 45 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 29 |
| South Primary.... | 24.36 | 21.66 | 88.91 | 31 | 475.5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 17 |
| SUMMARIES. | 260.55 | 240.22 | 92.19 | 304 | 3416 | 384 | 188 | 4 | 42 | 335 | 201 |

| | Boys. | Girls. | Totals. |
|--|-------|--------|---------|
| Number between five and fifteen..... | 145 | 155 | 300 |
| Number between seven and fourteen..... | 102 | 118 | 220 |
| Number over fifteen..... | 2 | 3 | 5 |

SCHOOL CENSUS STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1907.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number between five and fifteen..... | 149 | 164 | 313 |
| Number between seven and fourteen..... | 107 | 121 | 228 |

